ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

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FOREWORD FROM THE MINISTER

The booklets that the Department of Education has issued in recent years in connection with the observance of Commonwealth Day have dealt with some aspects of Citizenship and Government.

This year the emphasis is on the Government of the Province of Ontario. Since Governor Simcoe called the first assembly in Upper Canada in 1792, there have been many changes in the organization and the powers of our legislature. These pictures tell the story of the present Legislative Assembly and of some of its links with the past. They also show how closely our parliamentary system resembles the Mother of Parliaments in London, from which our democratic ideals are derived.

I hope that Commonwealth Day, May 20, 1960, will be observed in our schools and that some lessons at that time will be devoted to the development of high ideals of citizenship and good government.

John P Robarts

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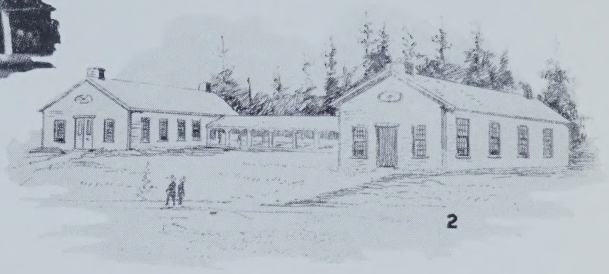
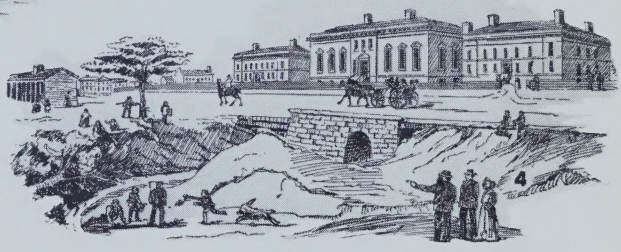




1. MEETING PLACES OF THE LEGISLATURE

1. The first Parliament of Upper Canada assembled at Newark (Niagara-on-the-Lake) on September 18, 1792. The meeting place was a frame building still standing but now covered with stone, known as the Navy Hall, and serving as a museum.

2. The seat of Government was moved from Newark to York (Toronto), and Parliament met in a frame structure located at Parliament and Front Streets. This is the building that the Americans burned in 1813 after removing the Mace and Speaker's wig as trophies.

3. The second Parliament Building in Toronto was at Berkeley and Front Streets (now the site of the gas works). It was used only from 1818 to 1824.

   Between 1841 (The Act of Union) and 1867, the legislature of Upper and Lower Canada met alternately in Kingston and Montreal.

4. The building used until 1892 was on Front Street between John and Peter Streets (west of the present Union Station).

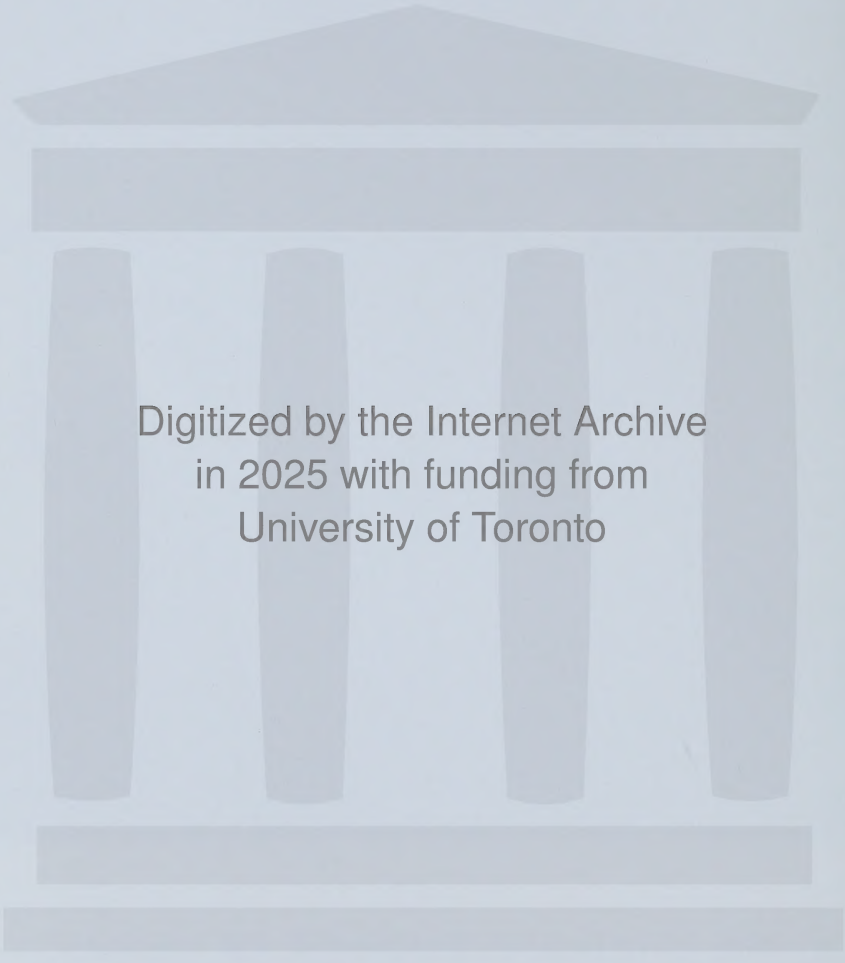
5. The present Parliament Building in Queen's Park (see front cover) was first occupied in 1892.

2. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO

The Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable J. Keiller MacKay, D.S.O., V.D., Q.C., LL.D., was photographed with Mrs. MacKay and the Prime Minister, the Honourable L. M. Frost, before going to the Legislature to read the Speech from the Throne.

The Speech from the Throne informs the Legislature of the intentions of the Government for the new season, indicating what laws are planned and what steps are to be taken to deal with all the problems that face the Province in the coming year.

The Lieutenant-Governor wears, for formal occasions such as the opening of the Legislature, a special uniform faced with gold braid, a sword, and a plumed hat.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3. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Seated, from left to right, Messrs. Robarts, Wardrope, Root, Goodfellow, Daley, Allan, Maloney, Frost, McIntyre (Secretary), Roberts, Phillips, Cecile, Nickle, Dunlop, Dymond, Connell.

Standing, left to right, Messrs. Cathcart, Cass, Spooner, Warrender, Yaremko, Eberlee (Assistant Secretary).

Absent: Mr. Macaulay.

Members of the Executive Council, or Cabinet, (except Ministers without Portfolio) are responsible as Ministers for the direction of the Departments of Government. The Ministers and their Departments are listed below:

Hon. Leslie M. Frost, Q.C., LL.D., D.C.L., Prime Minister and President of the Council
Hon. Charles Daley, Minister of Labour
Hon. William A. Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture
Hon. Louis P. Cecile, Q.C., LL.D., Minister of Public Welfare
Hon. MacKinnon Phillips, M.D., C.M., LL.D., Secretary and Registrar
Hon. William J. Dunlop, B.A., B.Paed., LL.D., Minister without Portfolio (formerly Minister of Education)
Hon. William K. Warrender, Q.C., B.A., LL.B., Minister of Municipal Affairs
Hon. James N. Allan, B.S.A., Treasurer
Hon. William M. Nickle, M.B.E., M.C., Q.C., Minister of Planning and Development
Hon. A. Kelso Roberts, Q.C., LL.D., Attorney-General
Hon. Bryan L. Cathcart, Minister of Travel and Publicity
Hon. T. Ray Connell, Minister of Public Works
Hon. Mathew B. Dymond, M.D., C.M., Minister of Health
Hon. J. Wilfrid Spooner, Minister of Lands and Forests
Hon. Frederick M. Cass, Q.C., M.A., Minister of Highways
Hon. John Yaremko, Q.C., Minister of Transport
Hon. Robert W. Macaulay, Q.C., Minister of Energy Resources, 2nd Vice-Chairman, H.E.P.C.
Hon. James A. Maloney, Q.C., Minister of Mines
Hon. George C. Wardrope, Minister of Reform Institutions
Hon. John P. Robarts, Q.C., B.A., Minister of Education
Hon. John H. H. Root, Minister without Portfolio

The Executive Council is rarely photographed. This picture was taken with the permission of the Prime Minister expressly for the Commonwealth Day Booklet.

4. THE LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO IN SESSION

The Speaker is in his chair under the Great Imperial Coat-of-Arms. The Members are at their desks, and the Prime Minister is standing and addressing the Speaker.

The officials of the House, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and the Assistant Clerk are seated at the Great Table on which the Mace is resting, while the Sergeant-at-Arms is at his desk in the left foreground. A reporter occupies a table on the floor of the House to assist in recording all the speeches of the Members.

The Press Gallery, above and behind the Speaker's Chair, and the Public Gallery at the upper left are occupied by reporters and spectators.

Photographs are not usually permitted while the House is in Session, but special permission was given by the Speaker for this photograph for the Commonwealth Day Booklet.

5. THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK

A new Speaker, the Hon. W. Murdock, was elected at the first meeting of the Legislature in 1960. He is here seen in his official robes and three-cornered hat, thanking the Members for his election, before taking his seat.

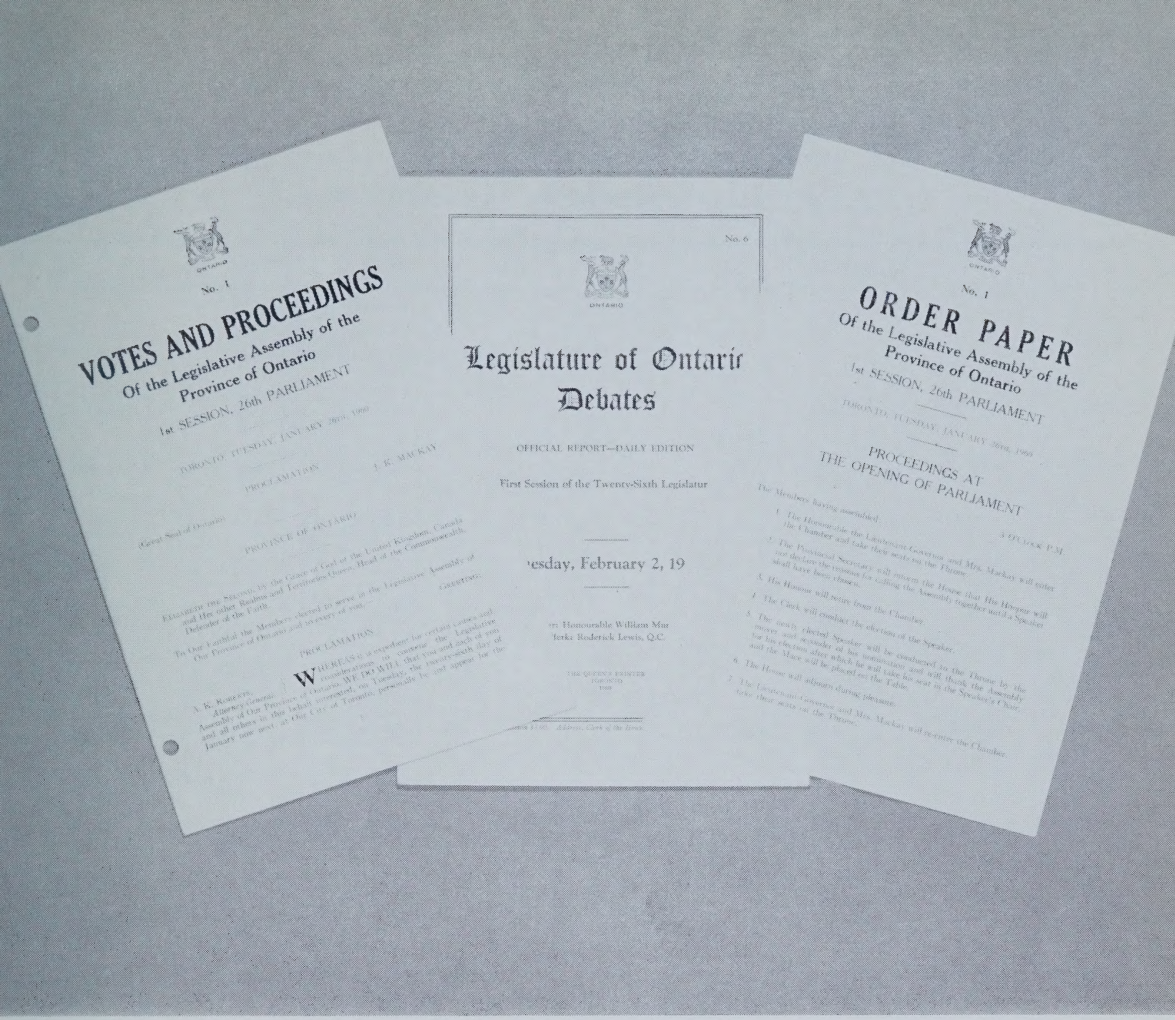
In front of him, seated at the end of the Great Table, is the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Roderick Lewis, Q.C., who is responsible for keeping a record of all that is done by the Assembly.

This photograph was taken on the opening day, and the Lieutenant-Governor was to come in immediately after the election of a Speaker, to read the Speech from the Throne. Some of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Ontario were present and can be seen seated in front of the Members' desks. Six page boys who act as messengers for the Members can be seen facing the Speaker.

6. THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AND THE MACE

Major B. Handley Geary, V.C. is the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. He carries the Mace in when the Session opens and places it on the table as symbol of the authority of The House. At the direction of the Speaker, he is responsible for maintaining order. In this capacity, and as a reminder of ancient custom, he wears a sword. He and the Clerk of the House are the only non-members who have any official part in the proceedings of the Assembly.

The Modern Mace is a heavy and ornately gilded object. In contrast with it, the Mace used in the early Assemblies has a distinctly home-made appearance and simplicity. This earlier Mace was carried away by the Americans when they burned the Parliament Buildings in 1813. It was returned as a gesture of goodwill by Resolution of the United States Congress, in 1934.



7. THE RECORDS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Three pamphlets are printed for every day that the House is in session.

1. *Votes and Proceedings* is a daily record of what is accomplished: what Bills were introduced or given second reading, what information or reports were laid before The House, what votes were taken, and what notices of motion were given. This is the record made by the Clerk of The House and corresponds to the minutes of any public meeting.

2. *Legislature of Ontario Debates* is the report of speeches made by members, recorded and reprinted word for word. Everything that is said in The House is thus placed on permanent record. This record is sometimes called Hansard after the man who printed official reports of the British House of Commons between 1774 and 1828.

3. The *Order Paper* provides the Members with the agenda or programme for the day. It contains the questions that are to be asked by Members to be answered by the Ministers, the Motions or Resolutions that Members intend to bring up, and the list of Bills that are to be introduced or debated or given second reading.

Plan of the Floor of the Legislative Assembly, Toronto, 1960

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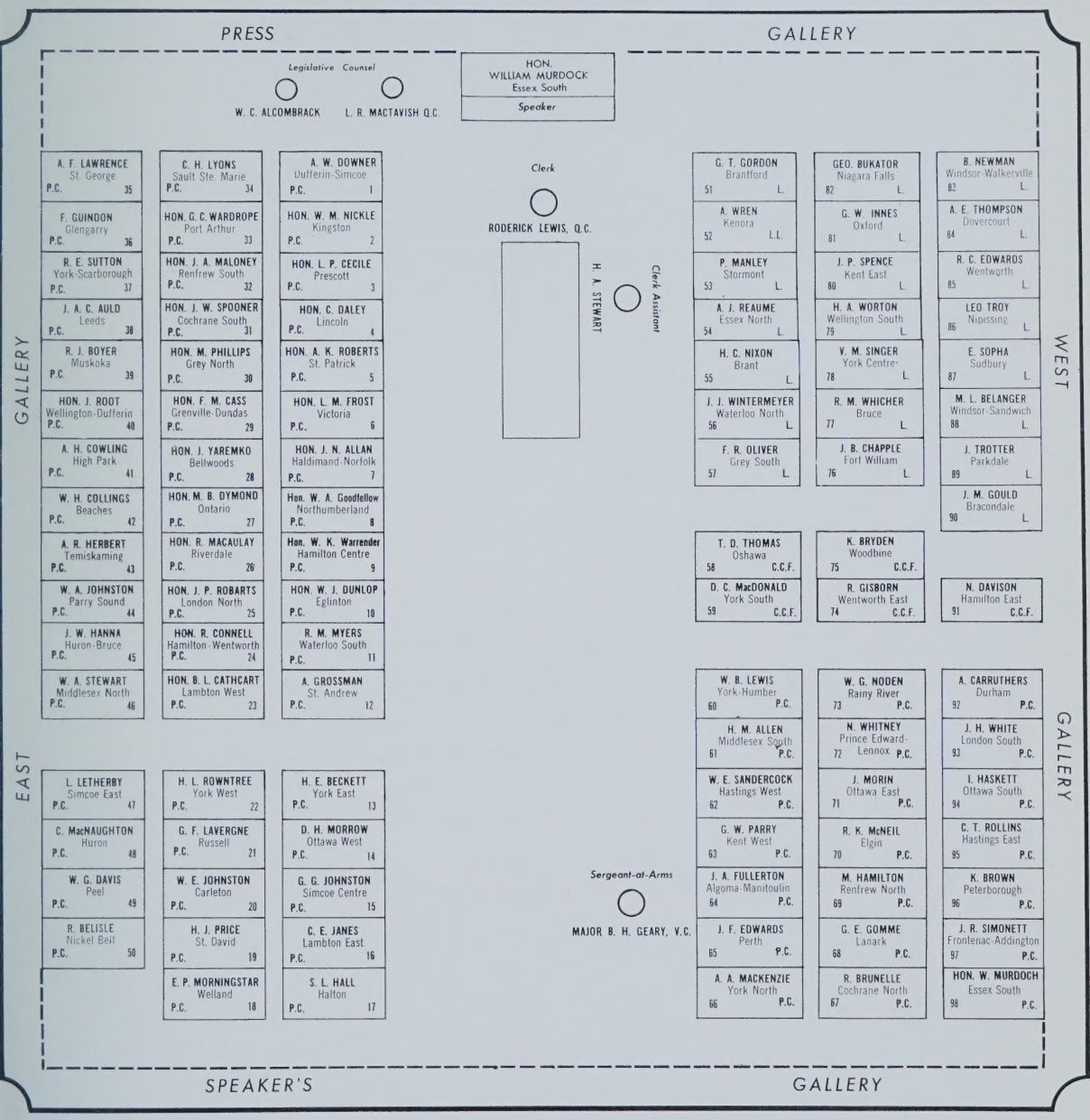
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